

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF
CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL**

HELD ON TUESDAY 13th April 2021

At 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Burns
Cllr M Denwood
Cllr O Dorgan
Cllr N Ford
Cllr D Hully
Cllr J Hully (Chair)
Cllr M Messenger
Cllr D Riley

Mr S Richardson (Clerk)

County Councillor Frank Morgan. Inspector Richard Smillie Cumbria Police. Paul Rowe Phoenix Youth Project. Mr Chris Campbell.

454/21. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor's Eldon and Jones-Bulman. County Councillor A Lamb. Standing apology from Borough Councillor H Branney.

455/21 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary/Virtual Meeting of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 9th March 2021.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

456/21 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor J Hully declared an interest in Planning (CBC Planning Chair) Rnec, Blue Skies. Paul Rowe.

Councillor Ford declared an interest in Cleator Moor Community Interest Company, Chamber of Trade, West Cumbria Community Foundation, West Cumberland Hospital Project Board, Health Watch, Town Hall, Stirling Place, Phoenix Youth, Town board. Cygnus Radio. Works4You and Home2Work. Healthwatch. Copeland Photographic Society. Town Board (Chamber of Trade) CMBB Podcast (Cygnus Studios).

Councillor Messenger declared an interest in Phoenix Youth board.

457/21 Applications to the Clerk, for dispensations.

None Received

458/21 To consider the co-option of Mr Chris Campbell to CMTC

Chris introduced himself to members and expressed his wish to join the Town Council to 'make a difference' in the town adding that at this current time in his life he had the time to devote to the role. After brief discussions members agreed to co-opt Chris to the Town Council in the vacant seat for Cleator Moor South.

459/21 Public Participation.

Paul Rowe from Phoenix Youth Group addressed members and informed them that the decision had been taken to no longer continue with the Fun day, Covid restrictions had left to the cancellation of both 2020 and 2021 events and the decision was then taken to stop the fun day for reasons including cost and community support proving difficult to rely on. Paul requested that the Council consider adding the current grant of received towards the fun day to the existing grant received towards core costs which have increased massively with staff costs alone increasing by over 32%. Councillor Ford asked if any other plans to involve the group in the community were planned and Paul explained that once restrictions are lifted they will carry on involving members of the youth group in community tasks such as litter picking etc but felt the fun day went away from the what the group wished to provide for the young people.

Councillor Dorgan asked if the request was a one off for this year or did the group hope to continue receiving the grant funding on a regular basis. Paul explained that the PYG were extremely grateful to the Town Council for their continued support and financial assistance stating that the request was to receive the same amount as previous years but with the total being granted towards core costs. The Chair explained as a financial matter the request would be discussed by members in part two of the meeting.

Paul Rowe left the meeting at this point

Inspector Richard Smillie from Cumbria Police advised members his internet was unfortunately weak so he would use audio only and was happy to take questions on issues relating to Cleator Moor. Councillor Dorgan raised the issue of vandalism and anti social behaviour at the Kangol site, the Inspector said he was aware of the issues and was mindful that this was a live case but hoped that it will have a satisfactory conclusion adding that the issues were not related just to the contractor currently on the site but the whole site and a problem solving PC had been tasked to look at the issues there. Councillor Riley stated that the Council wanted to work with the Police adding that the issues on the Kangol site were not

recent ones and had been have been happening since Kangol closed adding that a Police presence made a difference and hoped for a police presence at more Council meetings, he stated he thought a social media petition was not the route to go down to solve issues. The Inspector stated he would like to attend as many meetings as possible but would not be able to commit to all and that a Police presence depended on resources. He added that he was encouraged listening to Paul from PYP and would be looking to work more closely with them with a child centered policing team looking to engage earlier with youngsters and hopefully at the first instance of them becoming aware to the police diverting them away from that route. He explained the Police had been in contact with contractors at the site and a great deal of information had been shared including work already ongoing and previous work to reduce issues in the area. Councillor Riley added that it would be beneficial if not every meeting can be attended that some sort of regular attendance could be set up. The Inspector replied that is something that can probably be put in place and that the Police did have regular dialogue with the Council office which was another source of regular information sharing. Councillor Burns raised the issue of The Public place protection order placed in area's of the Town and asked how this was policed adding that a lot of the smashed glass causing issues on the Market Square was alcohol related. Inspector Smillie explained that the public place protection order was not a tool that could be used for underage people as fines can only be issued under that to individuals over 18 years and confirmed that powers existed under other legislation to deal with underage offenders.

Due to sound issues a small amount of discussion on the public place protection order cannot be heard with enough clarity to accurately minute

Councillor J Hully stated she had reason to use 101 recently and was on hold for 40 minutes and asked if there is another way to contact the Police in a non emergency situation, Inspector Smillie said although not under his control he would feedback the comments and reminded members that 999 is to be used in an emergency with 101 and 101 email to be used for non emergency situations.

460/21 To confirm the renewal of the lease on Cleator football field with Cleator Moor Celtic.

Resolved that the lease be signed by the Chair on behalf of the Town Council and two club officials witnessed by the Clerk.

461/21 To discuss the proposed local government reform and council response.

Resolved that the council will not submit a response on behalf of the Council.

462/21 To review planning applications.

Cllr J Hully took no part in this part in this agenda item.

The planning applications listed below were discussed.

4/21/2144/OA1

4/21/2128/OF1

4/21/2120/001 Members raised concerns with the position of the proposed development in relation to the junction of two roads, these comments to be sent to Development Control.

463/21. To note receipt of correspondence.

Correspondence for Town Council Meeting held on 13th April 2021				
	Date Rec'd	From	Regarding	Action
1	12 th March	NALC	CE bulletin	For Info
2	12 th March	Police	Covid update	For Info
3	12 th March	Police	Vacancies	For Info
4	13 th March	CCC	Vacancies	For Info
5	26 th March	CALC	Update	For Info
6	30 th March	CALC	Update	For Info
7	1 st April	CCC	Vacancies	For Info
8	1 st April	CCC	Update	For Info
9	1 st April	CALC	Update	For Info
10	1 st April	CALC	Update	For Info
11	1 st April	CALC	ACT update	For Info
12	5 th April	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
13	5 th April	CCC	Fire Incidents	For Info
14	6 th April	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
15	6 th April	CALC	Local resilience forum	For Info
16	6 th April	NHS	QR poster	For Info
17	9 th April	NALC	CE Bulletin	For Info
18	9 th April	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
19	12 th April	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
Copies of correspondence is available on request				

464/21. To note receipt of the Clerk report.

Clerk Report April 13th 2021

CBC have repaired the sensor light on the front of their building, with the light nights now here it probably will not have much impact however at least it is fixed and working.

The two vandalised bins on the market square have now been repaired following the intervention of the Open spaces team. I have contacted CBC again regarding the litter bin at Prospect row and concerns that this bin is not being emptied regularly.

All new allotment and garage letters have been sent and we have 21 with 2020 arrears which will most probably be due to lockdown restrictions. These should be cleared in this year with two exceptions to chase up where tenants appear to have moved on.

Following concerns raised by residents Home group were contacted regarding Fly tipping on William Morris Ave. We await further information from Home group regarding the request for a monthly catch up meeting with myself and an appointed Councillor representative. The new manager for Cleator Moor has informed me that the maintenance team have been instructed again today 12th April to deal with the rubbish, he has also confirmed he is able to meet with myself and a councillor to discuss issues and set up a schedule of meetings.

Reports of anti-social behaviour around town continue with hot spots being Big Hill, the bridge under Leconfield Street the Kangol site and Longlands at Cleator these issues are passed onto the Police when reported. It appears that the area behind the activity centre is now being used to gather, this has also been passed to the police to include the area in their patrols.

Several issues have been reported to environmental health including concerns over the current state of the allotments on Montreal street which is in the process of being actioned. The site next to the old brewery on Birks Road has been raised again and a response is awaited on this. 37 High st opposite the Nisa store has had the front door broken off its frame and it would appear individuals are accessing the derelict property. CBC have also been contacted regarding rubbish on the Leconfield Industrial estate some of which is now being dragged around the site by youngsters, CBC have said the waste team are to clear the rubbish and make steps to stop the site being used for fly tipping.

The current condition of the pavement on Cragg road opposite the Methodist church has been reported to CCC.

There has been very positive feedback by people regarding the work to the pitch at the Activity centre and it is hopeful this will be a valuable asset to the town once work is complete and hopefully a resource for our local sports clubs to use. Work continues on the play park and again this should be an asset to the town. Whilst site clearing the memorial and base of the flag pole that had been placed at the entrance have been uncovered and it is hoped to restore the memorial stone. CBC have been asked about the whereabouts of the flag pole after they removed it a few years ago while working in the area. The tow new access paths on the cycle track have also been well received the one on Jacktrees in particular is a pleasant walk down to the track.

I have contacted CBC open spaces regarding the raised bed on high st which was used as the NHS tribute, it has been suggested that rather than just replanting the bed it could be made into a tribute to the Royal British legion to mark the 100 year anniversary of the organisation, a meeting has been arranged with Cllr Burns and CBC open spaces to discuss the possibility and members will be updated accordingly.

Contact issues were reported regarding acquiring a paper census and the local representative has acknowledged that there had been initial issues with the telephone numbers advertised which had now been resolved.

. County Councillor Morgan left the meeting at this point .

465/21 Finance.

- **To approve a schedule of payments for April 2021.** Approved
- **To note the bank reconciliations to the end of March 2020.** Noted

Due to the confidential nature of the following item to be discussed, press and public were temporarily excluded at this point

466/21 Application for financial support Phoenix Youth Project.

Members discussed and the request granted.

Councillor Ford took no part in discussions

467/21 Items for Inclusion on the next agenda. Please note decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.

Members to forward to the Clerk any item for inclusion on the next agenda

468/21 To approve the date of the next meeting to be held virtually on the 4th May 2021 at 7pm which will be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 630pm. Approved.

Meeting closed 7.42pm

Signed

Dated

